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Treasurer's Report.

HIGHWAYS.

RECEIPTS.

By Taxes for Highways	$5000 00
Sidewalks	1000 00
cash for old brick	10 00
	$6010 00

PAYMENTS.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Paid for labor	151 81
gravel	4 00
	$155 81

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Paid for labor	112 39

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Paid for labor	134 79
J. R. Horne, for lumber	31 50
	$166 29

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Paid for labor	232 63
gravel	63 75
tools	1 70
	$298 08

DISTRICT NO. 5.

Paid for labor on highways	4155 44
repairing sidewalks	196 00
new sidewalk, Main street	714 55
" Pleasant street	339 25
S. A. Seavey, tools	53 82
E. A. Tibbets & Son, tools	19 28
David Wingate, tools	3 25
W. R. Burleigh, tools	2 00
H. C. Gilpatrick & Son, tools and lanterns	4 70
Hodsdon Bros., pump and pipe	8 60
Hiram Horne, lumber	40 95
Jesse R. Horne, lumber	73 54
John N. Haines, lumber	22 26
Geo. B. Lord, posts	5 00
Walter Parsons, stone	10 00
Daniel Sanborn, stone	7 00
Charles W. Wallingford, stone	2 50
John S. Legro, covering stone	3 00
Charles Nason, stone	8 00
John Kidder, stone	4 50
Samuel Tibbetts, paving stone	14 00
Thomas G. Jameson, paving stone	18 00
John Emery, cement pipe	29 98
Somersworth Machine Co., sand	1 90
253 loads cinders	25 30

Paid E. K. Bradeen, building wall	225 00
Joseph B. Palmer, 200 feet edge stone	200 00
Welch & Gordon, 60 feet curb stone	21 00
B. & M. R. R., freight on stone from Biddeford	30 80
	$6239 62

DISTRICT NO. 6.

Paid for labor	140 59
gravel	11 49
	$152 08

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Paid for labor	162 65
gravel	15 88
tools	205
	$180 58

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Paid for labor	107 69
gravel	4 00
nails	47
	$112 16

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Paid for labor	162 29
gravel	15 00
lumber	5 47
	$182 76

Total expenditures for highways and sidewalks,	$7599 77

STREET LIGHTS.

RECEIPTS.

By Taxes	$1300 00

PAYMENTS.

Paid Great Falls Gas Light Co., for gas from Feb. 1. 1882, to Feb. 1, 1883	925 31
Globe Gas Light Co., 20 gallons globe naptha	4 00
express	1 30
American Express Co., express	1 30
N. W. Turner & Co., globes and lamps	31 36
Ivory L. Wentworth, lighting street lights from April 1, 1882, to April 1, 1883	108 00
cleaning globes	2 00
Chas. F. Davis, lighting street lights from April 1, 1882, to April 1, 1883	108 00
cleaning globes	2 00
H. C. Gilpatrick & Son, repairing lanterns	21 95
Freeman Chick, repairing lanterns	14 70
B. O. Martin, repairing lanterns	3 60
W. I. Ash, repairing lanterns	60
John Donovan, labor	2 19
Edwin A. Lord, repairing street lamps	56 22
Somersworth Machine Co., lamp post and lantern	26 50
	$1309 03

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

RECEIPTS.

By Taxes	$2500 00

PAYMENTS.

Paid Gt. Falls Gas Light Co., gas for	No. 1	99
	No. 4	6 60
	Hose Co., No. 2	1 98
	Hose Co. No. 3	1 98
	Hook and Ladder Co.	6 27
Richards & Co., coal for	Hose Co. No. 3	6 13
	Hook and Ladder Co.	3 90
	wood for No. 4	2 00
J. N. Haines, coal and wood		6 00
S. S. Chick & Co., chandelier		35 00
	two brackets	12 00
Somersworth Machine Co., repairing	hydrant	2 00
	conductor to Grove street reservoir	8 94
	window grate and frame	2 50
	labor	1 40
Charles Sanborn, feather duster		1 00
Horace C. Langley, setting glass, No 1		3 30
Moses Foss, repairs No. 1 house		1 75
S. A. Seavey, pail, sponge and junk for	Hose Co. No. 2	5 50
Alfred Carter, curtains for No. 1		7 29
American Express Co., express		40
Freeman Chick, hydrant box		4 25
	repairing Hose house, No. 3	1 50
	Hook and Ladder house	75
John Emery, shelf for No. 4 house		3 25
Edward O. Lord, chairs for Hose House No. 3		49 00
Charles Duford, concreting about	Pleasant street houses	19 12
Hunneman & Co., four shut-off valves		40 50
Jacob L. Pitman, trucking		5 00

Paid John Pitman, care of hydrants from Nov. 1, 1881, to Nov. 1, 1882	42 00
extra labor	12 00
Engineers of Fire Department	75 00
Alert Hose Co., No. 2, pay roll	190 01
Deluge Hose Co., No. 3, pay roll	179 98
Hook and Ladder Co., pay roll	194 26
Engine Co. No. 1, pay roll	575 83
Engine Co. No. 4, pay roll	425 86
	$1935 24

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

RECEIPTS.

By Taxes,	800 00
Police Court, fines and fees	170 67
	$970 67

PAYMENTS.

Paid Wentworth Goodwin, services as police officer one year, to April 1, 1883,	72 00
special services in July	6 00
arrest of James Hollywood	4 00
George Booth	4 00
William Welch	4 00
Peter Gimpson	4 00
Fred Cassidy	4 00

Paid Wentworth Goodwin,	arrest of Andrew Higgins	4 00
	John McGinley	4 00
	Frank Boyden	3 00
	arresting and committing to jail, John McDermot	9 00
	Louis McGuire	9 00
	Peter Gimpson	9 00
	committing to county farm Michael Dasha, jr.	2 00
	watching ten nights	15 00
Lewis E. Smith.	services as police officer one year, to April 1, 1883	72 00
	special services in July	6 00
	arrest of Edwin F. Abby	4 00
	Charles Harte	4 00
	Charles Lebreque	4 00
	arresting and committing to jail, Michael Dasha, jr.	9 00
	arresting and committing to Industrial School, Patrick O'Brien	12 00
	conveying James Daley to county farm twice	4 00
Ivory L. Wentworth.	services as police officer, one year to April 1, 1883	72 00
	special services in July	6 00
	arrest of Henry Bean	4 00
	Daniel McVee	4 00
	Patrick McCabe	4 00
	Robert Mullen	4 00
	John Newell	4 00
	Edward Duckworth	4 00
	arresting and committing to jail, David Burnham	9 00

Paid Ivory L. Wentworth, committing to county farm, James Daley	2 00
Horace C. Langley, services as special police	11 00
Benjamin Chaney, services as special police	7 00
witness fee	77
Joseph Terrio, watching July 3 and 4	3 50
George E. Beacham, 28 complaints and warrants	42 00
services as justice 4 days	8 00
services at trial, 3 cases	9 00
Wm. D. Knapp, salary as Justice of Police Court	200 00
Bates & Legro, five blankets	8 75
Hurd & Cate, water pail for station	40
Charles Sanborn, covering table	2 00
W. R. Burleigh, costs in Frank Harvey case	3 53
Cook & Shapleigh, printing blanks	5 75
Richards & Co., coal for police station	7 75
John N. Haines, coal for station	8 00
wood for station	8 00
W. F. Harmon, one complaint and warrant	1 50
	$707 95

LIQUOR AGENCY.

RECEIPTS.

By cash of H. S. Chapman, Liquor Agent	185 63

PAYMENTS.

Paid Dunbar & Co., 15 gallons whiskey	41 25
5 " sherry wine	15 00

Paid Dunbar & Co.,	3 gallons brandy	18 00
	25 " star rum	42 50
	14 1-2 gallons alcohol	35 52
	10 " gin	32 50
	packing	25
H. S. Chapman,	salary as Liquor Agent from Mar. 20, 1882, to Jan. 3, 1883	39 30
	sign	2 00
	faucet	35
	express bills	2 65
		$229 32

TOWN HALL.

RECEIPTS.

By cash for Rent	158 00

PAYMENTS.

Paid Gas Light Co., for gas from Feb. 1. 1882, to Feb. 1, 1883	160 71
J. N. Haines, coal and wood	25 70
Richards & Co., coal and wood	60 88
F. E. Hamilton, charcoal	1 50
C. J. Cowell, services as janitor	50 00
extra labor	16 75
Hodsdon Bros., repairing furnaces	100 95
Moses Foss, mason work	16 87
Hiram Horn, lumber for basement	28 54
E. A. Tibbets & Son, snow shovels	90

Paid Freeman Chick, repairs	14 31
W. D. Merrick, repairs	4 20
James H. Kennedy, repairing roof	11 00
John Martin, lime	2 70
Tristram Grant, labor	5 62
George H. Marshall, sand	1 00
H. C. Gilpatrick & Son, feather duster	4 50
work on furnace	75
John E. Frost, repairing door	4 75
David Wingate, repairing windows	2 63
Charles Sanborn, covering table	2 00
E. A. Lord, repairing gas fixtures	1 25
J. L. Pitman, hauling sand, two years	4 00
J. P. Meserve, express	40
Somersworth Machine Co., roofing slate	75
	$522 66

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1.

RECEIPTS.

By Taxes for schools	86 00
Dog Tax for 1881	63 00
District Tax	50 00
Literary Fund	17 36
	$216 36

PAYMENTS.

Paid James Burnham, Prudential Committee,	$216 36

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2.

RECEIPTS.

By Taxes for schools	108 00
Dog Tax for 1881	63 00
Literary Fund	29 00
	$200 00

PAYMENTS.

Paid James M. Horne, Prudential Committee	$200 00

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3.

RECEIPTS.

By Taxes for schools	6306 00
Dog Tax for 1881	62 00
School District Taxes	7500 00
Literary Fund	245 74
	$14113 74

PAYMENTS.

Paid Prudential Committee	$14113 74

STATE TAX.

RECEIPTS.

By Taxes	$5932 00

PAYMENTS.

Paid State Treasurer	$5932 00

COUNTY TAX.

RECEIPTS.

By Taxes	$6974 23

PAYMENTS.

Paid County Treasurer	$6974 23

DOG TAX.

RECEIPTS.

By Taxes	$204 00

PAYMENTS.

Paid Edwin R. Bartlett, fowls killed by dogs	15 00
Mrs. Geo. H. Horn, 13 hens killed by dogs	6 50
Joshua S. Smith, 2 hens killed by dogs	1 50
Thomas G. Jameson, damage to sheep by dogs	5 00
James M. Swinerton, heifer killed by dogs	12 00
	$40 00

INTEREST.

RECEIPTS.

By Taxes .	$1300 00

PAYMENTS.

Paid interest at 5 per cent. on notes of	
Ann M. Emery, $3000, Sept. 20, 1881, to March 20, 1882	75 00
Cyrena Ulmer, 600, March 20, 1881, to March 20, 1882	30 00
O. M. Boynton, 5000, Nov. 6, 1881, to March 20, 1882	93 06
H. A. Legro, 300, March 20, 1881, to March 20, 1882,	15 00
A. E. Bedell, 1000, " " " "	50 00
W. D. Merrick, 800, " " " "	40 00
O. D. Wentworth, 800, " " " "	40 00
G. W. Remick, 1000, " " " "	50 00
S. H. Knapp, 500, " " " "	25 00
G. A. Jones, 300, March 20, 1879, " "	45 00
W. D. Knapp, 500, March 12, 1881, " "	25 56
" " 500, Jan. 1, 1882, " "	5 56
W. R. Burleigh, 800, Feb. 19, 1881, " "	43 45
Paid interest at 4 per cent. on notes of	
Ann M. Emery, 3000, March 20, 1882, to Sept. 20, 1882	60 00
W. D. Knapp, 1000, March 20, 1882, to March 20, 1883	40 00
Paid W. B. Martin, interest on Cemetery Trust Fund in full to March 1, 1883	36 58

Paid Interest Warrants, 1880		6 00
" "	1881	15 00
" "	1882	537 00
		$1232 21

NOTES PAYABLE.

PAYMENTS.

Paid W. D. Knapp, note dated March 20, 1882	$1000 00

TOWN BONDS.

RECEIPTS.

By Taxes	$3150 00

PAYMENTS.

Paid Bond No. 223	50 00
224	50 00
225	50 00
226	50 00
231	50 00
232	50 00
233	50 00

Paid Bond No. 234	100 00
235	100 00
236	100 00
237	100 00
238	100 00
240	100 00
242	300 00
243	300 00
244	300 00
245	300 00
246	500 00
247	500 00
	$3150 00

CEMETERY TRUST FUND.

RECEIPTS.

By Edward A. Rollins	200 00
Mrs. Sarah A. Rollins	300 00
	$500 00

TOWN PAUPERS.

RECEIPTS.

By Taxes	$500 00
Balance of account	68 11
	$568 11

PAYMENTS.

Paid Forest Glade Cemetery, balance of appropriation by vote of town, 1881,	68 11
Charles S. Jones. expense of removing Charles J. Randlett from asylum at Concord to county farm	23 85
Asylum for the Insane, support of Charles J. Ranlett to June 23, 1882	120 22
John A. Hayes, medical attendance	50 00
Charles E. Swasey, "	2 00
R. M. Carleton, medicines	23 55
W. A. Ham "	4 10
D. Chadbourne, moving family and goods to county farm	5 00
Ivory L. Wentworth, moving Mrs. Libety to county farm	4 00
J. L. Pitman, moving goods of Daniel McCarthy to county farm	3 00
B. F. Hanson, teams to county farm	7 00
Lord & Gilpatrick, team to South Berwick	2 50
W. W. Martin, 6 certificates	3 00
Wm. B. Martin, grave for transient person	1 00
County of Strafford, board of Michael Dasha to Feb. 15, 1883, 19 weeks, 3 days	29 14
clothing	15 60
board of James T. Elliott one year to Feb. 15, 1883,	130 36
clothing	1 75
board of Chas. J. Randlett, June 22, 1882, to Feb. 15, 1883,	85 00
board of John Randall, Dec. 26, 1882, to Feb. 15, 1883	10 93
clothing,	1 50

Paid County of Strafford, board of Jas. Dailey to Dec. 25, 1882, 29 weeks, 4 days	44 57
clothing	17 75
	$653 93

COUNTY PAUPERS.

RECEIPTS.

By County of Strafford	$1610 59

PAYMENTS.

Paid sundry bills chargeable to County	$1660 59

GENERAL EXPENSES.

RECEIPTS.

By Taxes	$2043 77
Billiard Licenses	68 00
County of Strafford, board of Patrick O'Brien	15 64
	$2127 41

PAYMENTS.

Paid John N. Haines, auditing accounts, 1882	3 00
John A. Bagley, " " "	3 00

Paid Cook & Shapleigh, printing town reports 1882.	46 00
tax bills	5 75
check lists	19 00
Rufus W. Nason, salary as school committee, 1881	50 00
for expenses	13 50
Edmund M. Webber, services as truant officer, Nov. 7, 1881, to April 29, 1882	40 13
arrest of Patrick O'Brien twice for truancy	10 00
John A. Hayes, vaccinating for town	87 25
returning 28 births and deaths	7 00
Charles E. Swasey, returning 68 births and deaths 1881 and 1882	17 25
Lorenzo B. Hamblet, returning 28 births and deaths	7 00
Eli Edgcomb, returning 18 births and deaths	4 50
G. E. Norcross, returning 3 births and deaths	75
W. W. Martin, recording and returning to Secretary of State 98 births	24 50
53 deaths	13 25
106 marriages	15 90
11 deaths not officially reported	5 50
Fairbanks, Brown & Co., set of weights	40 50
C. Marrineau, hauling weights to Dover	2 00
E. P. Horne, trucking weights	3 00
Daniel Cronan. expense of sealing weights	6 27
Craig & Tucker, repairing safe	25 40
E. P. Horne. trucking safe door,	2 25
burying nuisance	2 00
Allen Twombly, surveying cemetery road	2 50
Daniel Tate, labor on cemetery road	12 81
Albert Shaw, " "	12 81
Hiram S. Hurd, " "	31 87

Paid W. W. Nason, telegram	68
Thomas Hanegan, labor on water pipe,	4 06
Hiram Wentworth, " "	7 52
George F. Lord, " "	4 00
C. S. Jones, " "	8 00
John Emery, cement pipe,	127 00
D. L. Hodsdon, damage to cellar by stoppage in town drain	20 00
Richard Mason, damage to cellar by stoppage in town drain	20 00
Samuel Grant, damage to well, at fire in Furber house	7 00
C. O. V. Bagley, copying inventory	8 00
W. W. Martin, copying inventory for County Commissioners	10 00
B. L. Wentworth, distributing inventory blanks	6 00
Littlefield Post, Grand Army	150 00
Great Falls Light Infantry	100 00
Margaret Riley, damages from alleged defective highway	450 00
Peter King, trucking	50
Oliver Earle, repairing safes	1 25
James W. Lord, post for street sign	1 00
Thomas D. Locke, watering place	3 00
Frank S. Tompkins, recording 4 deeds	2 80
Edward O. Lord, publishing warrant	4 50
" police regulations	18 00
printing sealer's bills	2 50
" surveyor's blanks	4 00
" notices	2 15
State Industrial School, board of James A. Jenness, Nov. 24 to Dec. 31, 1882	7 92

Paid State Industrial School, board of Patrick O'Brien Oct. 12 to Dec. 25, 1882	15 64
Eben N. Higley, bounty on bear	10 00
Loyd A. Goodwin, inventory books	28 00
stationery for Selectmen	5 60
books, stationery and pencils for E. R. Bartlett	16 00
books for schools and poor children	18 35
Albert Thwing, notifying jurors, Feb. 1882	3 00
books for schools	7 43
record book to C. Jones	2 25
S. P. Union, supplies to Hose Co., No. 2	4 59
" " Hook and Ladder Co.	1 17
broom to Hose Co., No. 3	45
brooms to Town Hall	90
2 quarts oil	08
Hartley S. Chapman, services as supervisor, 2 years	18 00
Wm. E. Pierce, services as supervisor	18 00
Wm. B. Martin, salary as Overseer of Poor,	50 00
travel, and cash paid out on account of town and county paupers	49 75
W. W. Martin, salary as town clerk	50 00
notifying jurors	6 00
postage and stationery	2 38
Charles S. Jones, salary as selectman,	100 00
services as health officer	15 00
2 days with County Commissioners	4 00
horse, taking inventory	1 50
John A. Bagley, salary as selectman	100 00

Paid John A. Bagley,	services as health officer	15 00
	labor on sidewalk, Pleasant st.	5 00
Charles F. Blake,	salary as selectman	100 00
	services as health officer	15 00
	horse, taking inventory	1 50
Wm. D. Knapp,	salary as town treasurer	200 00
	services as supervisor	12 00
	services as attorney in obtaining settlement of action Margaret Riley against town	15 00
	writing three warrants for town meetings	3 00
	writing two deeds	3 00
	postage and stationery	3 00
	services as clerk at coroner's inquest, body of Xavier Bibeau	3 00
	for blank book	1 00
	services in examining records, and settlement with Dover, for school money of Eli Cook,	7 00
	advice to selectmen, at sundry times, about liability of town, for damages claimed	5 00
Daniel Chadborne,	collecting taxes of 1881, $541 99	4 18
	collecting taxes of 1882, $45000 00, at 3-4 of one per cent.	337 50
City of Dover,	school money of Eli Cook and Richard G. Swinerton, for 12 years, ending March, 1883	76 46
		$2819 30

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury March 1, 1882,	2553 09
Savings Bank Tax for 1882	3516 81
Railroad Tax for 1882	557 51
Insurance Tax for 1882	19 50
Literary Fund for 1882	292 10
Billiard Licenses	68 00
Town Hall Rents	158 00
Cemetery Trust Fund, donation of Edward A. Rollins	200 00
" " " Mrs. Sarah A. Rollins	300 00
Hartley S. Chapman, liquor agency	185 63
Edwin R. Bartlett, sale of old brick	10 00
Police Court, fines and fees	170 67
County of Strafford, County Paupers	1610 59
board of Patrick O'Brien at Industrial School	15 64
Daniel Chadbourne, Collector, taxes of 1881	491 14
" " " " 1882	45000 00
	$55148 68

EXPENDITURES.

Highway District No. 1	155 81
" " No. 2	112 39
" " No. 3	166 29
" " No. 4	298 08
" " No. 5	6239 62
" " No. 6	152 08

Highway District No. 7	180 58
" " No. 8	112 16
" " No. 9	182 76
Street Lights,	1309 03
Fire Department	1935 24
Police Department	707 95
Liquor Agency	229 32
Town Hall	522 66
School District No. 1	216 36
" " No. 2	200 00
" " No. 3	14113 74
State Tax	5932 00
County Tax	6974 23
Dog Tax	40 00
Interest	1232 21
Notes Payable	1000 00
Town Bonds	3150 00
Town Paupers	653 93
County Paupers	1660 59
General Expenses	2819 30
Cash in treasury March 1, 1883	4852 35
	$55148 68

TRIAL BALANCE OF TOWN BOOKS.

MARCH 1, 1883.

Page.	TITLE.	DEBITS.	CREDITS.	DR. BAL.	CR. BAL.
117	State Tax,	$5,932.00	$5,932.00		
120	Taxes,	46,706.15	46,706.15		
124	Notes Payable,	1,000.00	15,100.00		$14,100.00
133	Insurance Tax,		19.50		19.50
137	United States,	4,532.00		$4,532.00	
138	Soldiers,	5,841.22	3,150.00	2,691.22	
146	Interest,	1,232.21	1,300.00		67.79
148	Town Paupers,	653.93	568.11	85.82	
150	Dog Tax,	40.00	204.00		164.00
152	Railroad Tax,		557.51		557.51
153	School Taxes,	6,500,00	6,500.00		
157	Liquor Agency,	229.32	185.63	43.69	
158	Highways,	7,599.77	6,019.00	1,589.77	
159	Police Department,	707.95	970.67		262.72
160	Fire Department,	1,935.24	2,500.00		564.76
164	School District No. 3,	14,113.74	14,113.74		
165	School District No. 2,	200.00	200.00		
166	General Expenses,	2,819.30	2,127.41	691.89	
167	Daniel Chadbourne, Col.,	47,381.15	45,980.63	1,400.52	
168	Cash,	55,148.68	50,296.33	4,852.35	
169	County Paupers,	1,660.59	1,610.59	50.00	
170	Balance Account,	17,719.81	5,290.01	12,429.80	
171	School District No. 1,	216.36	216.36		
172	Town Bonds,	3,150.00	10,200.00		7,050 00
174	Abatements,	489.49	1,952.15		1,462.66
175	Literary Fund,	292.10	292.10		
176	Savings Bank Tax,		3,516.81		3,516.81
177	Cemetery Trust Fund,		975.00		975.00
178	County Tax,	6,974.23	6,974.23		
179	Street Lights,	1,309.03	1,300.00	9.03	
180	Town Hall,	522.66	158.00	364.66	
		$234,906.93	$234,906.93	$28,740.75	$28,740.75

STATEMENT.

Brief Statement of the Financial Condition of the Town. March 1, 1883.

LIABILITIES.

Agreeably to vote of the town, March, 1882, the Selectmen took up and cancelled all the town notes bearing interest at five per cent., and gave in place of them, new notes bearing four per cent. interest. The following list contains all town notes now outstanding, all dated March 20th, 1882, and bearing interest at four per cent:

Ann M. Emery	3000 00	
G. W. Remick	1000 00	
A. E. Bedell	1000 00	
O. D. Wentworth	800 00	
W. D. Merrick	800 00	
W. R. Burleigh, trustee	800 00	
Cyrena Ulmer	600 00	
S. H. Knapp	500 00	
G. A. Jones	300 00	
H. A. Legro	300 00	
O. M. Boynton	5000 00	$14100 00
Town Bonds		$7050 00
		$21150 00

ASSETS.

Cash in Treasury	$4852 35	
Balance of taxes of 1882. charged to Daniel Chadbourne, Collector,	1400 52	$6252 87

Debt of the town March 1, 1882	25300 00
Debt of the town March 1, 1883	21150 00
Decrease during the year	$4150 00

Assets of the town March 1, 1882	3228 09
Assets of the town March 1, 1883	6252 87
Increase of Assets	$3024 78

WILLIAM D. KNAPP, *Treasurer.*

The undersigned having examined the books of the town for the year ending March 1, 1883, find the payments properly vouched, the books correctly posted, accurately footed, kept according to the method adopted by the town, and agreeing with trial balance.

Somersworth, March 1, 1883.

J. N. HAINES,
ORLANDO J. BAGLEY, } *Auditors.*

ESTIMATE.

The Selectmen publish the following as their estimate of the amount of money required to be raised to defray the expenses of the town for the year ensuing:

Schools	6500 00
Highways	5000 00

Sidewalks	1000 00
Street Lights	1300 00
Police Department	800 00
Fire Department	2500 00
Town Paupers	800 00
Town Bonds	1900 00
Interest	1000 00
State Tax	5932 00
County Tax	6974 23
General Expenses	1293 77
	$35000 00

Respectfully submitted,

C. S. JONES,
J. A. BAGLEY,
C. F. BLAKE,
Selectmen of Somersworth.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

L. S. To the Inhabitants of the Town of Somersworth, qualified to vote in town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet in the Town Hall, in said town, on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

ART. 3. To grant and vote such sums of money as the town shall judge necessary for the support of schools, the repairs of highways, payment of debts, and for all the necessary charges arising within the town for the year ensuing.

ART. 4. To see if the town will vote to build a sidewalk to Forest Glade Cemetery, from West High street, and raise and appropriate money for the same: by application of J. A. Stickney and others.

ART. 5. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars to pay the rent of the hall used by the Great Falls Light Infantry as an armory; by application of J. A. Stickney and others.

ART. 6. To see if the town will appropriate one hundred dollars toward paying the rent of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union Reading Room for one year; by application of Mrs. J. W. Bates and Mrs. J. C. Lothrop.

ART. 7. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to give the Woman's Christian Temperance Union the use of

Town Hall three nights the coming year free of expense ; by application of Mrs. Bates and Mrs. Lothrop.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to change section nine of the By-Laws of said town adopted January 19, 1880, so as to read as follows : "The Selectmen shall cause one thousand copies of the Town Reports to be printed and ready for distribution among the legal voters of said town, at the office of the Town Clerk, seven days before each annual town meeting. Such printed copies shall contain an itemized account of the Town Treasurer, giving the names of all persons receiving money, and the amount each receives and what the money was paid for, the annual reports of the Selectmen, the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, and the School Committee, which are required by law. They shall also contain the reports of the Overseer of the Poor and of the officers of Forest Glade Cemetery, a trial balance of the Treasurer's accounts, the certificates of the town auditors, an inventory made by the Selectmen of all property of the town, an estimate by the Selectmen of the sums of money necessary to be raised and appropriated for the ensuing year, and a copy of the warrant calling said annual meeting;" by application of Charles K. Drew and others.

Art. 9. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of five hundred dollars and appropriate the same, or so much of it as may be needed, to complete the sidewalk on Main street, from about opposite the foundry to the Catholic church ; by application of Edwin R. Bartlett and others.

Art. 10. To see if the town will vote and authorize the Selectmen to change the grade and relay the sidewalk on the southerly and westerly side of Elm street, from the corner of the Savings Bank Building to Washington street in said town, and appropriate money for the same ; by application of David W. Wentworth and others.

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to extend the water

pipe from Pine street through Green street to Myrtle street, and will raise and appropriate money therefor; by application of John S. Legro and others.

Art. 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money not exceeding four hundred dollars, for the purpose of grading that part of West High street, in said Somersworth, that lies between the residence of Charles S. Jones and the junction of said street with High street; by application of John A. Smilie and others.

Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, or any other sum, to be expended in paying the Band for music the ensuing summer; by application of Samuel P. Horne and others.

Art. 14. To see if the town will vote to dispose of the old Town Hall and build a new Town Hall, suitable for the use of said town, in its stead, and raise and appropriate a sum of money not exceeding thirty thousand dollars for that purpose, and choose a committee of five, with power to purchase a suitable lot, make all necessary contracts, and superintend the building and furnishing of the same; by application of James A. Edgerly and others.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty-fourth day of February, A. D. 1883.

C. S. JONES,
J. A BAGLEY,
C. F. BLAKE, } *Selectmen of Somersworth.*

Statement of the Affairs of Forest Glade Cemetery for the year ending Feb. 20, 1883.

RECEIPTS.

Geo. J. Richards,	1 lot and labor in full	65 00
Kate Holman	1-2 " "	37 00
Ellen A. Frasier,	1-2 " "	35 00
Mary P. Stevens,	1-2 " "	39 00
Abigail Perkins,	1-2 " "	34 50
Richard Goodall,	" "	50 00
Daniel N. Davis,	" "	60 00
Kirke W. Moses.	" "	80 00
Ira H. Parker,	" "	67 50
Sarah Moore,	" "	67 50
William Holden,	" "	52 50
Esther A. Ward,	" "	60 00
Frank G. Elwell,	" "	80 00
Edmund Roberts,	" "	50 00
M. B. Tanner,	" "	15 00
Fred A. Thurston, old	" "	42 00
John E. Downing, old lot and labor in part		65 00
John B. Remick,	" "	56 50
James M. Andrews	" "	40 00
Town of Somersworth		68 11
J. R. Horne, timber		6 32
Town for Interest on Trust Fund		36 58
Old Accounts		7 75
Cash of Sundry persons, for labor		642 23
		$1757 49

EXPENDITURES.

Paid sundry persons for labor	1389 54

Paid J. Guttman, for sod	6 75
D. J. Brown, repairs	10 00
Joseph Fountain, painting	4 00
D. Sanborn, posts	19 25
D. Wingate, painting	30 00
S. Wentworth, manure	19 25
Spencer & Co., posts	12 40
J. B. Legro, sod	4 00
J. H. Cate, sod	29 65
C. S. Jones, sod	12 00
Cook & Shapleigh, printing	4 75
Decatur Bro.'s, carting	1 75
D. Sanborn, posts	19 50
J. B. Remick, posts	4 00
H. Streman, carting	2 50
D. W. Cate, bedding	9 55
H. Paul, bedding	3 69
W. D. Merrick, blacksmithing	28 68
S. A. Seavey, tools, etc.	27 28
Hay and grain, for horse	78 00
Sundry small articles	10 95
Geo. J. Richards, for lot	30 00
	$1757 49

ASSETS.

2 half lots, complete	65 00
2 " "	120 00
1 " "	50 00
10 " unfinished	400 00
Due from sundry persons	168 21
	$803 21

LIABILITIES.

Due Cemetery Trust Fund	21 58
J. A. Stickney	100 00
W. B. Martin	110 69
Balance in favor of Cemetery	570 94
	$803 21

W. B. MARTIN, *Clerk.*

The undersigned, having examined the books of Forest Glade Cemetery, find the payments properly vouched, correctly posted, and as shown in trial balance dated February 20, 1883.

Somersworth, March 1, 1883.

J. N. HAINES,
ORLANDO J. BAGLEY, } *Auditors.*

REPORT

OF

Superintending School Committee.

DISTRICT NO 3.

1st term, 14 weeks, 2nd term, 14 weeks, 3rd term, 9 weeks.

FIRST PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Studies: Reading, Writing, Spelling, Arithmetic, Geography, Drawing.

Orange St. Miss Belle Quimby, Teacher.

1st term,	boys	26
	girls	21
	Total	47
2nd term,	boys	25
	girls	19
	Total	44

3d term, boys	19
girls	13
Total	32

Average No. pupils for year, 41.

Green St. Miss Mary Sleeper, Teacher.

1st term, boys	18
girls	20
Total	38
2d term, boys	17
girls	10
Total	27
3d term, boys	23
girls	15
Total	38

Average No. pupils for year, 34.

SECOND PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Studies: Reading, Writing, Spelling, Arithmetic, Geography, Drawing.

Orange St. Miss Emma J. Wingate, Teacher.

1st term, boys	15
girls	22
Total	37
2d term, boys	18
girls	25
Total	43

3d term,	boys	22
	girls	22
	Total	44

Average No. pupils for year, 41.

Green St. Miss Alicia Lawlor, Teacher.

1st term,	boys	15
	girls	18
	Total	33
2d term,	boys	18
	girls	31
		49
3d term,	boys	16
	girls	32
	Total	48

Average No. pupils for year, 43.

THIRD PRIMARY SCHOOLS,

Studies: Reading, Writing, Spelling, Arithmetic, Drawing.

Orange St. Miss Nellie Horne, Teacher.

1st term,	boys	9
	girls	21
	Total	30
2d term,	boys	22
	girls	28
	Total	50

Orange St. Miss Isabel Stevens, Teacher.

3d term, boys	21
girls	23
Total	44

Average No. pupils for year, 41.

Union St. Miss Eunice W. Quimby, Teacher.

1st term, boys	18
girls	23
Total	41
2d term, boys	16
girls	33
Total	49
3d term, boys	17
girls	27
Total	44

Average No. pupils for year, 44.

FOURTH PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Studies: Reading and Spelling.

Orange St. Miss Ella M. Keyes, Teacher.

1st term, boys	43
girls	45
Total	88
2d term, boys	36
girls	26
Total	62

3d term, boys	38
girls	23
Total	61

Average No. pupils for year, 70

Union St. Miss Annie King, Teacher.

1st term, boys	44
girls	48
Total	92
2d term, boys	31
girls	24
Total	55
3d term, boys	29
girls	27
Total	56

Average No. pupils for year, 67.

Prospect St. Ungraded.

Studies: Reading, Writing, Spelling, Arithmetic, Geography.

Mrs. Fannie A. Brackett, Teacher.

1st term, boys	28
girls	23
Total	51

Miss Ann Nowell, Teacher.

2d term, boys	25
girls	25
Total	50

3d term, boys	22
girls	18
Total	40

Average No. pupils for year, 47.

Woodvale. Ungraded.

Studies: Reading, Spelling, Writing, Arithmetic. Geography.

Miss Addie Emery, Teacher.

1st term, boys	19
girls	12
Total	31
2d term, boys	20
girls	12
	32
3d term, boys	22
girls	8
Total	30

Average No. pupils for year, 31.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Studies: Reading, Writing, Arithmetic. Algebra, Physiology, Geography, Grammar, Book-keeping, Drawing.

Mr. Wm. S. Pierce, Principal

Miss Christina Scott, Assistant.

1st term, boys	43
girls	43
Total	86

FIRST GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Mr. Wm. S. Pierce, Principal.

2d term,	boys	24
	girls	22
	Total	46
3d term,	boys	20
	girls	21
	Total	41

Average No. pupils for last two terms, 43.

SECOND GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Miss Clement, Teacher.

2d term,	boys	25
	girls	27
	Total	52

Miss Hoyt, Teacher.

3d term,	boys	25
	girls	26
	Total	51

Average No. pupils for last two terms, 51.

HIGH SCHOOL.

Mr. J. W. V. Rich, Principal.

Miss —— Morrill, Assistant.

Studies: Latin, Greek, French, Algebra, Geometry, Physiology, Physics, Astronomy, Geology, Physical Geography, Natural History, Botany, Rhetoric, History, Chemistry, English Literature, Civil Government, Political Economy, Trigonometry, Book-keeping.

1st term, boys	10
girls	25
Total	35
2d term, boys	13
girls	27
Total	40
3d term, boys	11
girls	25
Total	36

Average No. pupils for year, 37.

Your committee are able to report that the past year has been a very profitable one in the history of our schools.

In the primary schools, while no great changes are to be noted, the satisfactory standing of former years has been maintained. Although the work in these schools is more monotonous than in any others, the teachers keep up a lively enthusiasm in their work, and study to interest their scholars and improve their schools.

With the beginning of the fall term quite a change was made in the organization of the Grammar School. Formerly the whole school occupied one room, under the supervision of the principal, and the assistant's classes marched in and out of the recitation room for each lesson. Now the school is divided, and each division occupies a separate room, which is used both for study and recitations, thus bringing the classes of the assistant teacher under her personal oversight while studying, as well as while reciting. This has proved a very satisfactory arrangement. By it time is saved and much confusion

avoided. For convenience in making the change, the High and Grammar Schools have exchanged locations, the former now occupying the second and the latter the lower floor of the building.

In the High School both teachers and scholars exhibit great enthusiasm in their work. Under its present able instructors the school seems to have taken a new lease of life. While the attendance has increased, it is not by any means what it should be. This seems to argue that there is a lack of appreciation, on the part of parents and young people, of the advantages that are here freely offered. One of the best methods of overcoming this indifference, is by introducing such studies as will have a practical bearing on the after life of those whose education terminates with the close of their connection with this school. The teachers and committee have labored with this end in view; but to fully realize their desires, the English course should be made to occupy an equal length of time with the Classical, so that some studies of direct business utility might be added to the course, and more time be given to some of the studies now taken. To do this would require another assistant; but we think the benefit would more than repay the additional outlay. With this arrangement, we would recommend that Algebra and Physiology be taken from the Grammar School and placed in the High School course, thereby giving time for a more thorough study of the elementary branches of learning in the former school.

During the year additions have been made to the High School library. The Cyclopedias and other books have been rebound and put in first-class order, and by adding a few new books from time to time, the school will soon accumulate a valuable reference library. Through the kindness of one of our citizens, twenty-five volumes have been added to the library and a quadrant to the philosophical apparatus. Also, five gentlemen contributed twenty-five dollars for books and

apparatus. We hope their good example may be followed by other friends of the school. The school now has about one hundred volumes in the library, one hundred geological specimens, and a fair amount of chemical and physical apparatus. Additions should be made, however, as the greater the facilities for independent investigation may be, the higher the standard of scholarship that will be attained.

The committee have purchased Unabridged Dictionaries, so that all the schools, from the second primaries up, are now supplied with them. The advantage in scholars early learning to use the dictionary for the purpose of acquiring the proper meaning and pronunciation of the words they meet daily in their lessons, is too obvious to need comment.

Believing it their duty to make the expense of sending children to school bear as lightly as possible on their parents, the committee have avoided changing text-books as far as was consistent with the good of the schools. The only change, affecting any number of scholars, being in Geographies. By making this change, we secured a superior work, containing nearly one-half more matter, for about seventy per cent. of the price the scholars were paying for the book we were using. The saving will in a short time much more than repay the present outlay.

By the liberality of the inhabitants of the district in appropriating the necessary means, the Prudential Committee were able to make extensive repairs and improvements on the High School building during the summer vacation. That the money provided was not only economically, but also discreetly expended. the most cursory examination of the work will abundantly prove. The brick-work, roof and belfry have been put in complete repair, new stairs have been provided, the ceilings sheathed in place of the old plastering, the building fitted with new furniture, and painted throughout in an exceedingly tasteful manner. The out-buildings have also been

put in excellent repair and much improved in their surroundings. The partitions in that part of the building occupied by the High School have been changed, so that besides the large school-room, they have a pleasant recitation room and a convenient chemical laboratory. New windows also add much to the comfort of the rooms. Whereas in former years it has frequently been necessary to dismiss the schools on account of the chilliness of the building, during the present severe winter the teachers report that it has at all times been perfectly comfortable, though a considerably smaller amount of fuel has been consumed than in previous years.

In conclusion, we would congratulate the inhabitants of the district on having in this building some of the neatest and best arranged school-rooms that are to be found in New England.

DAVID W. SCOTT,
RUFUS W. NASON,
JESSE R. HORNE,
ISAAC CHANDLER,
WM. E. PIERCE,
Supt. Com. for Dist. No. 3.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Miss Carrie A. Hanson, Teacher.

Studies: Reading, Writing, Spelling, Arithmetic, Geography, Grammar.

1st term, 12 weeks,	boys	6
	girls	7
Total		13

2d term, 12 weeks, boys	4
girls	6
Total	10

Average No. pupils for year, 11.

DISTRICT NO 2.

Miss Lelia M. Horne, Teacher.

Studies: Reading, Writing, Spelling, Geography, Arithmetic, Book-keeping, Algebra.

1st term, 10 weeks, boys	7
girls	2
Total	9
2d term, 13 weeks, boys	10
girls	2
Total	12
3d term, 9 weeks, boys	10
girls	1
Total	11

Average No. pupils for year, 11.

The schools in these two districts are, as they always have been, too small to accomplish well the object of their existence. It has been demonstrated repeatedly, here and elsewhere, that the small schools fail because they cannot furnish that most natural and effective stimulus to effort, either in school or out, which arises from companionship and rivalry.

I can only reiterate, therefore, my suggestion of former years, that these districts unite with District No. 3, under one school board, and that the two schools of Districts Nos. 1 and 2 be consolidated.

This plan has been adopted recently in a large number of towns in this state, with excellent results.

The teachers of these two districts have performed their duties with creditable diligence and skill, and the schools are in as good condition as at any time during my acquaintance with them, or as they are likely to be until the crying evil which I have mentioned is in some way remedied.

This report together with the report of the Committee for District No. 3, is respectfully submitted.

RUFUS W. NASON,

Superintending School Committee for the Town.